ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2008

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB885

Hearing Date: January 30, 2	800
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Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Johnson)

Title: Redefine prescription relating to the practice of pharmacy

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6 Yes Senators Erdman, Gay, Hansen, Howard, Pankonin,

Stuthman

0 No

1 Absent Senators Johnson

0 Present, not voting

Proponents: Representing:

Opponents: Representing:

Joni Cover Nebraska Pharmacists Association

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 885 expands the current definition of "prescription" to include an order for a single dose sample of a drug for research purposes. The bill is intended to assist in the use of blood testing equipment by emergency room physicians and other health care providers. Advancing technology, for example, has led to the development of more sophisticated testing devices to identify drugs or other substances in a patient's blood. A single dose sample of a drug is necessary, however, to calibrate the device. Current Nebraska law does not allow a prescription to be written for a single-dose sample of a drug for such purpose.

Explanation of amendments, if any:	
	Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson